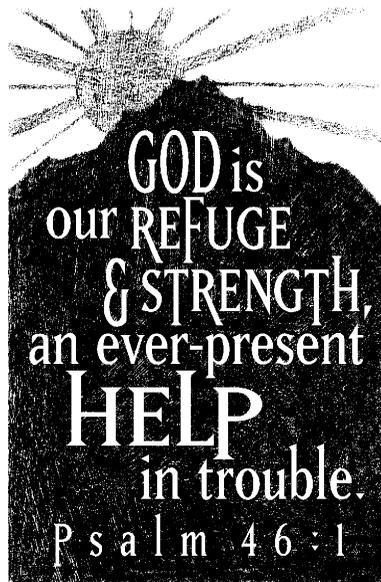


# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF END TIMES: REFORMATION SUNDAY

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## Worship Focus

God's Eternal Word Proclaims Salvation



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# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

## Service of Word and Sacrament

Christian Worship, p. 26

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## OPENING HYMN

O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word

Tr. W. Gustave Polack; Setting by Theodore Beck

1. O God, our Lord, Your ho - ly Word Was long a hid - den  
2. Sal - va - tion true By faith in you, That is your Gos - pel's  
3. choir only  
4. You are my Lord, And by your Word Death holds no dread - ful  
tre - a - sure Till to its place It was by grace Re -  
preach - ing, The heart and core Of Bib - ble lore In  
8 ter - rors; Your pre - cious blood, My high - est good, Has  
stored in full - est mea - sure. For this to - day Our thanks we say And  
all its sa - cred teach - ing. In Christ we must Put all our trust, Not  
12 blot - ted out my er - rors. My thanks to you! Your Word is true, You  
glad - ly glo - ri - fy you. Your mer - cy show and grace be - stow On  
in our deeds or la - bor; With con - science pure And heart se - cure Love  
16 keep your prom - ise ev - er. While here I live, Your grace you give And  
all you, who still and de - ny - neigh - you,  
heav - en's bliss for - ev - er.

## INVOCATION

**Minister**            The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**Congregation**    **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

**M** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.**

**M** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

**M** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**M** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



**M** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**M** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



THE LORD  
OF HOSTS  
IS WITH US.

PSALM 46:7

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**M** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to  
 2 Glo - ry be to him who loved us, Washed us from each  
 3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the  
 4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal!— Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it,  
 spot and stain; Glo - ry be to him who bought us,  
 Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;  
 an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!—



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,  
 Made us kings with him to reign! Glo - ry,  
 Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,  
 Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!  
 glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!  
 glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!  
 glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89, alt.  
 Tune: WORCESTER (87 87 47) Walter G. Whinfield, 1865–1919.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** Let us pray. Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## THE WORD

### **FIRST LESSON** Jeremiah 18:1-11

As the potter changes the shape of his clay, so God turns his anger to mercy when people repent.

JEREMIAH 18:1 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup>“Go down to the potter’s house, and there I will give you my message.” <sup>3</sup>So I went down to the potter’s house, and I saw him working at the wheel. <sup>4</sup>But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

<sup>5</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to me: <sup>6</sup>“O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?” declares the LORD. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, <sup>8</sup>and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. <sup>9</sup>And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, <sup>10</sup>and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it.

<sup>11</sup>“Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, ‘This is what the LORD says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.’”

### **PSALM**

*Sung by quartet*

### Psalm 46

Words: Psalm 46, The Book of Common Prayer  
Music: Martin Luther, P.D. Words and Music Public Domain

- 1 *God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;*
- 2 *Though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.  
The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

- 3 *There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.  
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;  
God shall help her at the break of day.*
- 4 *The nations make much ado, the the kingdoms are shaken;  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.  
The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*
- 5 *Come now and look upon the works of the Lord,  
what awesome things he has done on earth.  
It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire.*
- 6 *“Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted in the earth.”  
The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

## **SECOND LESSON** Revelation 14:6,7

God continues to send his saving Gospel throughout the world until the Day of Judgment.

REVELATION 14:6 Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth--to every nation, tribe, language and people.  
7 He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia. (John 8:31,32 cf. RSV)

## **GOSPEL Mark 13:5-11**

While false prophets, natural disasters, and enemies of God increase, we boldly spread God's Word.

MARK 13:5 Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. <sup>7</sup> When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup> Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

<sup>9</sup> "You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. <sup>10</sup> And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. <sup>11</sup> Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:*



## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*The congregation will sing verses 1,2, and 4. The choir will sing verse 3.*

**1** A mighty Fortress is our God,  
A trusty Shield and Weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need  
That hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old bitter Foe  
Now means deadly woe:  
Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.

**2** With might of ours can naught be done,  
Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the Valiant One,  
Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this?--  
Jesus Christ it is,  
Of Sabaoth, Lord,  
And there's none other God,  
He holds the field forever.

3 *Tho' devils all the world should fill,  
All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill,  
They cannot overpow'r us.  
This world's prince may still  
Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none,  
He's judged; the deed is done;  
One little word can fell him.*

4 **The Word they still shall let remain,  
Nor any thank have for it,  
He's by our side upon the plain  
With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life,  
Goods, fame, child, and wife,  
Let these all be gone,  
They yet have nothing won:  
The Kingdom ours remaineth.**

## SERMON

Psalm 46

**More than Ever, We Need a Mighty Fortress**



## **CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED**

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS**

### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

Mighty Fortress, Rock of Refuge, hear today our prayers for Your whole Church. Deliver her from every error that would cloud the joy of Your salvation. Preserve in her the proclamation of the eternal Gospel. Make it resound to every nation and tribe, people and language, that its mighty power might bring all to fear You and give You the glory. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Fortress, Rock of Refuge, hear today our prayers for all ministers of the Word. Help them to proclaim Your Law in such a way that every excuse is stripped from the mouths of their hearers and all are held accountable to God. Help them to proclaim Your Gospel, that they may know Jesus Christ as their sole righteousness before You, the propitiation You have set forward by His blood to be received by faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Fortress, Rock of Refuge, hear today our prayers for all who bear civic authority in our land. Bless our president and Congress, our justices and magistrates, and all who serve. Protect them from the temptations that beset their offices, and impart to them wisdom and courage. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Fortress, Rock of Refuge, hear today our prayers for all who cry to You for healing in body or mind, heart or soul. *[Remember especially...]* Have mercy upon each one. In Your own time and way, grant them release from their afflictions. Sustain their confidence and hope in the full and final healing that awaits the day of our Lord's appearing and the resurrection of the body. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Fortress, Rock of Refuge, hear today our prayers for all who come to the altar to partake of Christ's own body and blood for the forgiveness of their sins, the propitiation which You provide for us in His blood. Grant them the gifts of repentance and faith and, by the power of Your Spirit, the intention to amend their lives and align them with Your will and purpose. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Fortress, Rock of Refuge, Your people have sheltered in You from age to age. Receive our thanks for all Your servants who have departed this life in Your fear and friendship. We especially bless You today for the great reformers of Your Church who ever call us back to the Gospel and to the righteousness we have in Christ alone. Keep us in fellowship with them, and bring us at last by Your truth to the heavenly home and the joy of seeing our Redeemer face to face. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C** Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

## THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES

**M** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**M** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He protects and preserves his Church in every age and gives us confidence to lift up our heads and watch for Jesus with joy. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

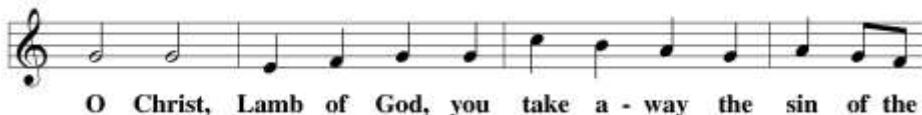
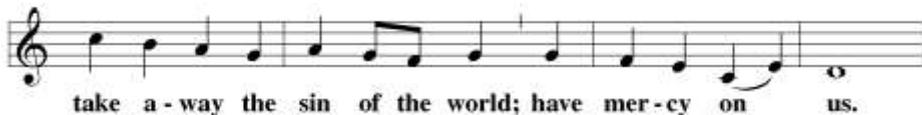
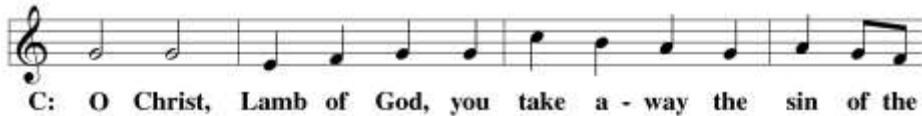
**M** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



## DISTRIBUTION

*The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

392 – Not unto Us



1 Not un - to us, not un - to us be glo - ry,  
2 A - maz - ing grace— that chose us ere the worlds were  
3 O faith - ful love— that shep - herd - ed through faith - less  
4 Not un - to us but to your name be glo - ry,



Lord; Not un - to us but to your name be praise;  
made; A - maz - ing grace— that sent your Son to save;  
years; For - giv - ing love— that led us to your truth;  
Lord, For grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.



Not un - to us but to your name all hon - or be  
A - maz - ing grace— that robed us in your right - eous -  
Un - yield - ing love— that would not let us turn from  
A - bide with us till trav - 'ling days are o - ver and



giv'n For match - less mer - cy, for - give - ness, and grace.  
ness And taught our lips to sing glo - ry and praise.  
you But sent us forth to speak par - don and peace.  
done, And pil - grim feet lead us home, Lord, to you.

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## THANKSGIVING

### THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise, Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## PRAYER AND BLESSING

M Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace.  
 Live in harmony with one another.  
 Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



**CLOSING HYMN**

293 – God’s Word is our Great Heritage



Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861–1925.  
 Tune: REUTER (87 87 66 66 7) Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863–1924.

*After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.*



*Sola Gratia*

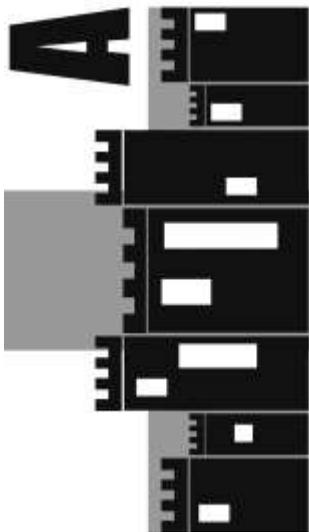
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